# **BOB JONES University**

FORTY-SEVENTH COMMENCEMENT

## Baccalaureate Service



Founder's Memorial Amphitorium May 26,1974 PRELUDE: Sonata "Our Father Which Art In Heaven"

.... Felix Mendelssohn

David Friberg, Organist

#### **FANFARE**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Praise Ye the Lord . . . . . . . . . . Bob Jones

(The congregation will stand.)

Hark the song the Stars of Morning Sang when Heaven was newly made See the Jewels' fire adorning The foundations God has laid. Veils of colors brightly burning Wreathe their banners 'round the throne While the flaming creatures turning Weave a pattern tone on tone.

"Holy, Holy," mighty paeons, Seraph voices raise the cry Swelling on through endless eons Echoed back from earth to sky. "Holy, Holy," never ceasing Shall that rainbow music be; Jubilation's tide increasing Sweeps across Eternity.

From the Valley of Decision Raised by souls who wrestle there From the Mount of Nebo's vision Hark the praises with the prayer. On the Isle of Revelation View the exile far from home; From that Rock of Expectation Hear his cry, "Lord quickly come."

Lo, the psalms of joy and splendor From the lips of Jesse's Son! Lo, the call of Trumpet yonder Where burnt off'ring has begun, Hark the voice of adoration When upon the battle eve Nation bows in supplication Then stands up her praise to give.

See them in the court assemble While God's glory floods the place, O'er bright harps the fingers tremble 'Till the notes empassioned race Up and up-and more than mortal Sounds the last supernal chord. Beating 'gainst high Heaven's portal Waves of praises to the Lord.

Only once the praise was muted When upon grim Calvary Hatred's discord undisputed Sought to drown the melody But at last, all doubts defying, Faith stands looking on the Blood And in voice of wonder crying, "Surely this was Son of God!"

Join the Alleluias, Christian, Kind'ling thus your little flame Mid the darkness of Declension; Join to praise that worthy Name! Lift your heart! Your Lord's returning! Lift your voice in welcoming Him for Whom your lamp is burning. Praise your Everlasting King!

Amen.

#### THE UNIVERSITY CREED:

I believe in the inspiration of the Bible, both the Old and the New Testaments; the creation of man by the direct act of God; the incarnation and virgin birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ; His identification as the Son of God; His vicarious atonement for the sins of mankind by the shedding of His blood on the cross; the resurrection of His body from the tomb; His power to save men from sin; the new birth through the regeneration by the Holy Spirit; and the gift of eternal life by the grace of God.

#### **GLORIA PATRI:**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!

INVOCATION ..... Dr. Gilbert Stenholm
Director of Extension and Ministerial Training

ANTHEM: O Great Is The Depth from St. Paul ... Felix Mendelssohn

University Church Choir Karl Stahl, Director

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON ..... Dr. Bob Jones, Chancellor

HYMN: Hasten, Servant, to Thy Labor ..... Bob Jones

(The congregation will stand.)

1

Hasten, Servant, to thy labor, Soon the Master comes to ask, "Was the talent well invested, Strength full bent unto the task?" For behold now He comes quickly, With reward as work shall be; There are rest and crown awaiting Him who labors faithfully.

2

Waken, Watchman, to thy vigil, Lo, the moment draweth near. In the hour you least expect Him Will the Son of Man appear— Noon or midnight, dusk or dawning, In the twinkling of an eye, Will the trumpet sound His coming, Swift as lightning flashes by. 3

Comfort, Christian, in thy sorrow, Longing for the vanished smile Of the loved one death hath taken Lost to thee a little while. Shout of triumph at His coming Will that sleeping dust awake To immortal joy and singing And a glad reunion make.

4

Boldly, Soldier, to the conflict, Hosts of Hell around thee rage. Raise the banner, press the battle, Let it all thy zeal engage. When the brightness of His coming Doth the Victor's palm reveal, Wound and bruise of bloody warfare Shall the oil of gladness heal.

Amen.

SOLO: Arise, Shine, for Thy Light is Come .... James G. MacDermid

Judith Friberg

### RECESSIONAL HYMN: O For a Thousand Tongues . . Charles Wesley

(The congregation will stand.)

O, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, The Triumphs of His grace.

2

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To spread thro'all the earth abroad The honors of Thy name.

3

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease; 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace. 4

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin, He sets the pris'ner free; His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.

5

He speaks, and listening to His voice New life the dead receive; The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; The humble poor believe.

6

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your loosened tongues employ; Ye blind, behold your Saviour come; And leap, ye lame, for joy.

BENEDICTION .....

..... Dr. Marvin Lewis
Director of Religious Activities